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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2006.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,6,12-16 and 21-30 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,6,12-16 and 21-30 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1/3/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Lyon does not disclose a filter sending filtered liquid to the water supply, however, the arguments are not persuasive because Lyon does disclose a filter, which can send the filtered water to the tank as can be seen in the drawings especially by the circulation line, 470 (See Fig. 6, Items 126, 624, 454, 650, loop 470).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 12-16, 21 and 23-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bellas (US Patent No. 3,258,019) in view of Lyon (US Patent No. 5,993,739).

Bellas discloses a mobile car wash unit having a van body portion (vehicle housing) having a floor, roof and walls and a drain pan (tank) within the housing to capture waste water (Fig. 1, 3 Item 1, 11; col. 2). Bellas also discloses a trailer attached to a motorized vehicle (Fig. 1, 2, Items 4, 1). Bellas further discloses the housing having expandable walls (Fig. 2, 3 and 6; col. 5, ll. 34-45; col. 5-6), which are hinged to the roof and other walls, and has an inclined entry ramp (Fig. 2, Item 16) and a water supply (Fig. 6, Item 19, col. 3).

Bellas also discloses a drain (Fig. 6, Item 10) and an equipment housing having a water pump (Fig. 4, Item 30, 32). A water pump would provide pressurized water, which would be expelled by the nozzles (Item 43) and therefore would be considered a pressure washer. Bellas does not specifically disclose an expandable roof. However, Bellas does disclose the spraying apparatus can be raised or lowered which would allow for the accommodation of differently sized vehicles. As Applicant has pointed out in the specification (paragraph 16), “expandable tops and sides for trailers and vehicles are known” and it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide this feature to accommodate different sized vehicles. Bellas does not specifically disclose using a filter, insulation, corrosive resistant material, rotatable turntable, or solar panel. Lyon discloses using a filter on a portable cleaning apparatus (col. 19, ll. 36-63; Fig. 6, Items 470, 620). Lyon also discloses using a rotatable turntable (col. 10, ll. 15-30), a power supply using solar energy (col. 4, ll. 30-40), insulating material (col. 19, ll. 10-16) and also using a material which will prevent corrosion (col. 10, ll. 7-15). Bellas and Lyon are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor, portable cleaning apparatus. Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Bellas with Lyon for the benefit of improving the operation of the apparatus.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bellas in view of Lyon as applied to claims 2, 3, 6, 12-16, 21 and 23-28 above, and further in view of Ross (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0031507).

Bellas and Lyon disclose the apparatus shown above in the 103(a) rejection. They do not disclose the baffles in the tank. Ross discloses a tank having baffles (Fig. 4, Item 120, 230; paragraph 34). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Bellas and Lyon with Ross for the benefit of providing improved stability.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarah E. Husband whose telephone number is (571) 272-8387. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael E. Barr can be reached on (571) 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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